



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : Method for the Fuel-Optimized Selection of a Thruster Configuration

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.